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SUBJECT: SAHARA SUMMIT

1. WE HAVE VERY FEW DETAILS AS YET ABOUT RESULTS, IF ANY, OF SAHARA SUMMIT WHICH ENDED WITH DEPARTURE OF PRINCIPALS EARLY MARCH 21. PUBLICLY EVENT WAS LONG ON RITUAL-- ELABORATE AND PROLONGED ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES--BUT EVIDENTLY SHORT IN AMOUNT OF TIME GIVEN OVER TO WORKING SESSIONS. CONTRARY TO EXPECTATION, QADHAFI DID NOT SHOW, JALLOUDD MAKING IMPROMPTU APPEARANCE IN HIS PLACE LATE IN EVENING MARCH 19.

2. MOST NOTABLE ASPECT OF COMMUNIQUE IS ITS BLANDNESS AND SIGNIFICANT OMISSION OF ANY REASON WHY GET-TOGETHER TOOK PLACE OTHER THAN TO NOTE THAT MEETING REVIEWED ALL QUESTIONS RELATION TO QUOTE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL UNQUOTE COOPERATION AMONG FIVE COUNTURES. COMMUNIQUE GOES ON TO

(1) EXPRESS SATISFACTION WITH PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN STRUGGLE AGAINST UNDERDEVELOPMENT AND PLEDGE INTENSIFIED BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE ECONOMIC
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INDEPENDENCE.

(2) EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR OAU CHARTER AND RESOLUTIONS AND DETERMINATION TO WORK TOWARD IMPROVING TIES OF BROTHERHOOD, FRIENDSHIP, SOLIDARITY, GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS, AND CLOSE COOPERATION.

(3) ENDORSE DECLARATIONS OF CAIRO SUMMIT.

(4) ESTABLISH SUMMIT OF FIVE STATES ON ANNUAL BASIS. (5) REAFFIRM

USEFULNESS OF DIALOGUE AND A COMMITMENT
TO SETTLE DIFFICULTIES BY QUOTE PEACEFUL MEANS, NEGOTIATIONS,
MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION UNQUOTE INCONFORMITY WITH PERTINENT
RESOLUTIONS OF OAU (COMMENT: PRESUMABLE THIS IN REFERENCE TO
CHAD BORDER PROBLEM.)

(6) EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH AFRICAN AND ARAB LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS IN COMBAT WITH RACIST REGIMES OF SOUTH
AFRICA AND ISRAEL AND SOLIDARITY WITH FRONT LINE STATES AND
ALL WHO ARE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ENGAGED IN STRUGGLE TO
LIBERATE AFRICAN AND ARAB QUOTE OCCUPIED UNQUOTE TERRITORIES.

(7) REAFFIRM SUPPORT OF PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION
AND OPPOSITION ON OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IRRESPECTIVE TO SOURCE
(A PRESUMED REFERENCE TO WESTERN SAHARA).

(8) NOTE SOLIDARITY WITH PEOPLES OF COMORES AND
OF QUOTE SO CALLED FRENCH UNQUOTE PART OF SOMALIA TO
ACHIEVE THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY.

(9) CONDEMN ACTS OF AGGRESSION AND INTERFERENCE
ON PART OF IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, APARTHEID AND
ZIONISM AND CALLED ON AFRICAN AND ARAB GOVERNMENTS FOR
INCREASED VIGILANCE AND SOLIDARITY.

(10) CONDEMN POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS AND
EXPRESS

INDIGNATION AT REBIRTH OF IMPERIALIST INITIATIVES
INVOLVING MERCENARIES TO DESTABILIZE AFRICAN CONTINENT.

(11) PLEDGE DETERMINATION TO WORK TOWARD NEW ERA
OF PEACE BY BUILDING NEW ECONOMIC ORDER, GUARANTEEING
EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF EACH COUNTRY TO ITS NATURAL RESOURCES
AND BY AGREEMENT ON LAW OF SEA RECONCILING NATIONAL INTEREST
OF ALL STATES AND LEGITIMATE PREOCCUPATION OF COUNTRIES
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WITHOUT COASTLINES OR GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED.
(12) MAKE BAMAKO SITE OF NEXT SUMMIT MEETING.

3. ON SATURDAY DURING AIRPORT WAIT FOR TRAORE, FONMIN
DJERMAKOYE TOLD GROUP AMBASSADORS THAT THE V ADIAN BORDER
PROBLEM WOULD BE PLACED ON TABLE FOR DISCUSSION. AT THIS
PH, HE GAVE A QUOTE WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO? UNQUOTE
SHRUG OF HIS SHOULDERS. HE EXPECTED QADHAFI TO ARRIVE
ON SUNDAY MORNING.

4. SPECULATION IS RIFE HERE THAT QADHAFI DELIBERATELY
WITHHELD HIS DECISION NOT TO COME UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT.
LIBYAN AMBASSADOR IS REPORTED TO HAVE ADMITTED THAT
HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO REVEAL THIS
DECISION TO GON. DURING AIRPORT WAIT, AMBASSADOR
ASKED LIBYAN AMBASSADOR WHEN QADHAFI WOULD ARRIVE.
AFTER SOME HESITATION, HE SAID QUOTE SOMETIME
TOMORROW, I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHEN UNQUOTE.
EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR SAYS CATEGORICALLY THAT ON SATURDAY

WHILE WAITING FOR THE FIRST ARRIVAL PRESIDENT KOUTCHE
ASKED LIBYAN AMBASSADOR WHO WAS COMING FROM LIBYA BKD
THE LIBYAN REPLIED QUOTE I DONT KNOW UNQUOTE. ONE
REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL REASON FOR QADHAFI'S ABSENCE
WAS HIS INABILITY TO PREPARE FOR AN EXPANDED SUMMIT
AND HIS OBJECTION TO ITS EXPANSION.

5. THE CONSENSUS IN THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS IS THAT
QADHAFI DID NOT WANT TO HAVE THE BORDER ISSUE RAISED
WHILE HE WAS FACE-TO-FACE WITH MALLOUM.

6. HARD INFORMATION ABOUT TENOR OF DISCUSSION IS
INADEQUATE AT THIS TIME THERE ARE REPORTS THAT
PLEPERY SESSION LASTED FROM 5 P.M. TO 8 P.M. SUNDAY WITH
MUCH EMPHASIS ON COOPERATION IN FIELDS OF TRANSPORTATION
AND COMMUNICATION. THERE WERE UNVERIFIED REPORTS THAT
KOUNTCHE ARRANGED MEETING BETWEEN CHADIAN AND LIBYAN
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DELEGATIONS THAT LASTED UNTIL 3 A.M. MONDAY. THIS
IS SUPPORTED BY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL'S COMMENT TO AMBASSAUOI
THAT JALLOUDD CHANGED HIS DEPARTURE TIME FROM 8 P.M. SUNDAY--
ACTUALLY HE WAS IN LAST TO LEAVE AT 11:30 A.M.
MONDAY.

7. COMMENT: KOUNTCHE NO DOUBT WAS DRIVING FORCE
IN LAUNCHING THIS EXPANDED MINI AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT
AND CONSEQUENTLY IS BOUND TO BE ANNOYED WITH
QADHAFI'S RECALCITRANCE. IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT
HIS PRESTIGE AMONG HIS SAHELIAN COLLEAGUES IS
ENHANCED AND THAT QADHAFI'S CREDIBILITY AMONG AFRICANS
PRESENT AND PERHAPS OTHERS HAS BEEN FURTHER ERODED.

8. THE SUMMIT WAS SHROUDED IN A CLOUD OF DUST.
END COMMENT. JAMES

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